

**REMARKS**

**I. Introduction**

Claims 3-7 are presently pending in the application. Claim 3 is the sole independent claim.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the present amendments and remarks.

**II. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections**

The Office has rejected previously presented claims 1-2 and 8-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Marks (WO 00/41112) and Dorfman (WO 01/11504), and under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gardner (U.S. Pat. No. 7,003,734) and Anderson (U.S. 2004/0093327).

While Applicant may respectfully disagree with the Office's rejections, in order to expedite issuance of a patent Applicant has canceled claims 1-2 and 8-9 without prejudice in light of the Office's indication of allowable subject matter in connection with claims 3-7.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the § 102 rejections have been overcome, and reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

**III. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant is grateful to the Office for the indication that claims 3-7 are allowed, and has overcome all pending rejections to order to expedite issuance of a patent.

**IV. Conclusion**


It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is in clear condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Although not believed necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayments to Kenyon & Kenyon LLP's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Office is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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